

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

**Call to Order:** Chair Kirk Wagoner, on February 6, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Kirk Wagoner, Chair (R)  
Rep. Jessica Karjala, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)  
Rep. Bill Harris (R)  
Rep. Ellie Hill Smith (D)  
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)  
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)  
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)  
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)  
Rep. Walt Sales (R)  
Rep. Tom Welch (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)  
Rep. Matt Regier (R)  
Rep. Barry Usher (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch  
Carolyn Tschida, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 35, 1/26/2017; HB 36, 1/26/2017

**HEARING ON HB 35**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:10 Rep. Gordon Pierson (D), HD 78, opened the hearing on HB 35, Create a grant program for training volunteer respite providers.

00:01:44 Rep. Regier joined the meeting

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:17 Lynn Mullooney Cabrera, Alzheimer's Association

00:05:48 Dr. Richard Blank, Self

00:08:40 Susan Kohler, Missoula Aging Services; State Association of Aging

00:09:28 Del Lonnquist, Self

00:14:04 Claudia Clifford, AARP Montana

**EXHIBIT(huh26a01)**

00:16:55 Nick Hart, Alzheimer's Association

00:20:29 Beth Brennenman, Disability Rights Montana, Billings Clinic

00:22:34 Mike Foster, Catholic Hospitals of Montana

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:24:06 Rep. Karjala

00:25:04 Lynn Mullooney Cabrera, Alzheimer's Association

00:27:13 Rep. Mandeville

00:27:48 Lynn Mullooney Cabrera, Alzheimer's Association

00:28:39 Rep. Sales

00:28:51 Rep. Lenz

00:29:11 Rep. Pierson

00:29:43 Rep. Lenz

00:29:48 Rep. Pierson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:29:58 Rep. Pierson

00:31:15 Chair Wagoner

**HEARING ON HB 36**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:37:30 Rep. Gordon Pierson (D), HD 78, opened the hearing on HB 36, Fund Alzheimer's related services provided by area agencies on aging.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:38:09 Jim Nolan, Montana Human Resource Development Council (HRDC)

00:38:58 Rep. Kelker joined the meeting

00:39:07 Erin McGowan, Montana Association of Area Agencies on Aging  
[EXHIBIT\(huh26a02\)](#)

00:42:04 Susan Kohler, Missoula Aging Services

00:42:54 Rep. Usher joined the meeting

00:48:02 Claudia Clifford, AARP Montana

[EXHIBIT\(huh26a03\)](#)

00:50:20 Mike Foster, Montana Catholic Hospitals

00:50:46 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

00:51:02 Lynn Mullooney Cabrera, Alzheimer's Association

00:55:33 Jerilee Wilkerson, Agency on Aging

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:00:03 Rep. Sales

01:00:53 Susan Kohler, Missoula Aging Services

01:01:39 Rep. Jacobson

01:02:29 Susan Kohler, Missoula Aging Services

01:03:52 Rep. Harris

01:04:36 Susan Kohler, Missoula Aging Services

01:05:18 Rep. Harris

01:05:37 Susan Kohler, Missoula Aging Services

01:06:11 Rep. Dunwell

01:06:40 Susan Kohler, Missoula Aging Services

01:08:06 Chair Wagoner

01:08:46 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:10:17 Chair Wagoner

01:10:58 Rep. Pierson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:11:16 Rep. Pierson

01:11:54 Chair Wagoner

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:12:43

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Carolyn Tschida, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([huh26aad.pdf](#))